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CHARGES AGAINST SEWER INSPECTOR A. FRANK DENIED

Friends Do Not Think He Has
Done Anything Unfair to
the City.

Aldermen Will Try Charges
Next Thursday.

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Municipal circles are stirred over charges preferred against Sewer Inspector A. Franke, who has been considered an excellent official, and his friends have arisen to his defense, not believing he has been guilty of misconduct. It is charged in an affidavit, filed with City Clerk McIntyre, that Mr. Franke has used city workmen to repair his barn, taking implements and material from the office of the street inspector without the knowledge of the latter. It is also said he used the men to clean the private sewers of the knitting mill and the brewery without reporting. In addition it is charged that he placed the name of a workman, who had worked half a day, on the payroll for four days, and the next day knocked off three and a half days of the man's time to even up the score. The fact that Mr. Franke voluntarily explained the last transaction to Mayor Smith increases the confidence of his friends in his integrity.

Mr. Franke told Mayor Smith when he turned in the last payroll that a man of the name of Watson was sick and poor and that on the preceding payroll he allowed the man three and a half days too much, subtracting that from the next payroll, so that the city is out nothing. He said the reason he did this irregular act was because the man was in desperate straits for necessities. While that was not regular, the city was out nothing and Mr. Franke made no attempt to conceal what he did.

When the other charges were submitted to Mayor Smith in the shape of an affidavit, he referred them to the board of aldermen, which will meet Thursday night to hear the charges.

Franke's friends say the charge is made by a personal enemy of the sewer inspector.

To Elect Tax Collector.

Mayor Smith has called a joint meeting of the general council for Monday night to elect a delinquent tax collector to hold until the regular election in December.

IN THE ABDOMEN HENRY HARPER IS STABBED; MAY DIE

With a deep stab in the abdomen, Henry Harper, a riverman residing at 1695 Broad street, is in a serious condition, with chances against recovery. He has refused to go to the hospital for an operation, and he may not survive. The wielder of the knife is unknown, although the police are working on the case and expect to make an arrest.

Harper was in Bulger's saloon with several companions last night about 8:30 o'clock when a scuffle was started. The play grew rough, and it is said a free-for-all fight resulted. In the melee Harper received a stab in the back and abdomen. The cut in the back was not serious. Dr. W. H. Parsons was called and dressed the wounds of Harper, who was resting easy today. The fight was kept quiet and little could be learned about it.

ERROR IN REPORT MADE OF S. P. POOL'S SUIT.

The statement yesterday in the suit of S. P. Pool against L. O. Stephenson that the Paducah Undertaking company assigned was an error made unintentionally. In the suit it read that the undivided one-third interest was assigned by Stephenson to Pool.

FUNERAL OF MARY HELEN GREEN HELD YESTERDAY

The funeral of Mary Helen Green, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Green, took place yesterday afternoon at Florence station, with burial in the Thompson cemetery. The Rev. W. J. Naylor, of Lone Oak, officiated. The pallbearers were: John Thompson, Roscoe Houser, John Farley and Ben Yarbrough. The flower girls were: Carrie Park, Ella Barnhardt, Bernice Houser and Lula Diedrich.

President Taft Speaks on Tariff and Defends His Course and Party Before Big Audience in Northwest

Reaches Minneapolis Today
and is Guest of Commercial
Club of That City During
His Visit—His Points.

Minneapolis, Sept. 18.—President Taft arrived here at 7:45 this morning and was escorted by the Commercial club to breakfast. The Commercial club has charge of all entertainments.

On the Tariff.
Winona, Minn., Sept. 18.—In his most important utterance since his occupancy of the white house President Taft last night in the state which is the hotbed of the "insurgent" Republican movement, defended the Payne law as the best tariff measure ever passed by a Republican congress and hence the best tariff bill ever known. The president boldly asserted that the insurgents who voted against the bill had abandoned the Republican party. "Was it the duty of the congressmen who believed it did not accomplish everything it ought to accomplish, to vote against it?" asked the president. "I am here to justify those who answer this question in the negative. I am not here to defend those who voted for the Payne bill, but to support them."

Great Cheering.
To this statement the crowd in the Winona opera house responded with a cheer heard far down the street. It was stated by the adherents of Representative Tawney, of this district, that he had been on the defensive ever since the adjournment of congress because he did not vote with the other Minnesota senators and representatives against the bill. Tawney met the president at La Crosse and accompanied him to Winona, his home town.

It has been reported that the president intended defending Tawney but none predicted that the president would go so far as he did in characterizing the position taken by the insurgent senators and representatives. "To make party government effective," said the president, "the members should surrender their personal predilections of comparative lesser importance. I don't criticize those who believed intensely that it was their duty to vote against the bill. It is a question with the party representative whether he will help maintain the party's solidarity or whether a departure from the principle in the bill, as he regards it, is so extreme that he must in conscience abandon the party."

To the Insurgents.
In a final word to the insurgents the president said: "I'm glad to see those who voted against the bill insist that they're Republicans and intend to keep up the fight for still lower tariff rates within the party. That's their right and their view their duty. All I have to say with respect to Tawney's voting for the bill and my signing it, is that I believe the interests of the country, the interests of the party, required me to sacrifice the accomplishment of certain things in revision which I hoped for in order to maintain the party's solidarity, which I believe is much more important than a reduction in rates on one or two schedules."

Taft this afternoon en route dictated to two stenographers tonight's

Funeral of Bishop McCloskey Tuesday

Louisville, Sept. 18. (Special.)—The funeral of Bishop McCloskey will be held Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Cathedral of the Assumption, this city, with elaborate services. The burial will take place at Nazareth, near Bardotown.

How New Bishop Is Chosen.
The "Legal Formula of the Catholic Church," a book prepared by the Rev. Peter A. Baart, rector of St. Mary's church, Marshall, Mich., describes in detail the method under which a new Catholic bishop for this

The Weather

The weather forecast for Paducah and vicinity is: Fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature. The highest today was 86 and the lowest 64.

Illinois: Washington, Sept. 18.—Sunday increasing cloudiness, winds shifting to southeast and south and increasing.

Sun and Moon.
Sun rose today.....5:43 a.m.
Sun will set today.....6:05 p.m.
Moon will set tonight.....8:36 p.m.

HARRIMAN FORTUNE.

New York, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Harriman is credited with saying the estate is valued at \$67,000,000. Former estimates were only guesses. If the estimate is correct the taxes will be \$67,000, one per cent.

speech, constituting from the administration point of view a statement more thorough and simple than any document heretofore issued from any source.

Wool Rates Too High.

As to the wool schedule, Taft declared the rates of the Payne bill too high. It was found early in the fight he asserted, that the woolen manufacturing interests in the Republican party were so strong that any attempt to change the Dingley rates would result in the defeat of the bill.

"I'm sorry this is so," said the president, "I wish it could have been otherwise. It is the one important defect in the bill and in the performance of the promises of the party

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CREW OF LIBERTY ARE DISMISSED AT SMITHLAND

Smithland, Ky., Sept. 18. (Special.)

The jury in the circuit court today discharged Charles Elmore and Pilot William Brisco, members of the crew of the Liberty, this morning, and failed to agree as to the guilt of Capt. Harry Davis and Saddle Amell, engineer of the boat, charged with conspiracy to release a prisoner. The jury was discharged. Sheriff Bishop and Deputy Champion had Captain Davis in custody on the charge of selling liquor, and went aboard with him to see about making bail, when the boat was cut loose and drifted down to the Illinois shore. Bagby & Martin, of Paducah, defended the case.

CAPT. HENDERSON NAMED IN FOURTH BY REPUBLICANS

Princeton, Ky., Sept. 18. (Special.)—Republicans of the Fourth Judicial circuit, composed of Caldwell, Crittenden, Hopkins and Livingston counties, nominated Clifton J. Waddill, of Madisonville, for judge, and Capt. Carl Henderson of Marion, for commonwealth's attorney, to oppose Judge Gordon and Commonwealth's Attorney John L. Gray, of Livingston. The selection of Captain Henderson, who commanded troops in the Black Patch during the night rider troubles, makes the night riders the issue.

More Equipment

Metropolis, Ill., Sept. 18. (Special.)—Two more car loads of mules and tools were unloaded here and will go to the ponds to work on the Burlington dump. The Burlington is building an up-to-date road, making the trestle of concrete.

Street Car Strike at Omaha.

Omaha, Sept. 18.—Conductors and motormen on all street car lines here struck early today, effectually tying up the system. The company is running only one car per hour on each line. There is no violence yet. The demand is an increase in wages.

Chicago Market.

	Sept.—	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4
Corn	60 3/4	60 3/4	60 3/4	60 3/4
Oats	40 1/4	39 3/4	39 3/4	39 3/4
Provisions	23.95	23.95	23.95	23.95
Lard	12.01	12.00	12.00	12.00
Ribs	11.90	11.85	11.80	11.80

TAXPAYERS DON'T CUT ANY FIGURE WITH POLITICS

Magistrates Try to Keep Lowest Bidder From Securing Contract.

Defer Matter After His Attorney Speaks.

ON GRAVEL ROAD CONTRACT

Although there may be some delay in getting the Oak Station gravel road rolled, the magistrates at a special meeting of the fiscal court this morning undertook to flatten out the lowest bidder with the steam roller, and were only deterred by his attorney, W. A. Berry, who as gently as possible told the magistrates it is their duty to look after the interest of the county and not competing bidders. They didn't wish to let the contract for the Oak Station road to Rudy Streit, the lowest bidder, and a Republican, so they said he learned the bid of his competitors and underbid them. He denied this before the court, but his attorney said it wouldn't make any difference if he did. It was a question of dollars and cents to the taxpayers and not of ethics between contractors, the magistrates were paid their per diem to look after.

They wouldn't give Streit the contract, but they ordered new bids in Monday.

At the session of fiscal court September 7, bids for graveling the road were opened. Owing to a lack of uniformity the bidders were asked to correct and bring in their bids again at once. In a short time they were opened as follows: S. B. Gholson, 17 1/2 cents a foot; Rudy Streit, 21 1/2 cents a foot; Ben Frank, 21 1/2 cents a foot; Yancy & Johnson, 27 cents, and C. C. Bagg, 29 1/2 cents.

On motion of the court the contract was awarded to Gholson, who failed to make his bond, and this morning the court met to re-let the contract.

Rudy Streit was the lowest bidder, his bid being one-fourth of a cent lower than that of Ben Frank. County Road Supervisor John Thompson arose and said that Streit had changed his bid before he had handed it in, after the other contractors had announced to each other what their bid was. County Judge Lightfoot from the bench said the figures had been changed, and the members were on the verge of throwing out Streit's bid and awarding the contract to Ben Frank for one-fourth of a cent higher a foot. Attorney W. A. Berry, representing Streit, gained the floor, and although he handed the action of the court rather gently said the duty of the members was to consider the people and not pay so much attention to the contractors. He said that Streit was the lowest bidder after Gholson's bid had been thrown out, and that in fair play the court should award him the contract.

The appearance of the attorney dumfounded the court. Mr. Streit openly denied having changed his bid but the contract was not awarded to him. Before he should have the work the members decided to have the county road supervisor notify all bidders to have in new bids Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The members instructed that each bid should be accompanied by a bond of \$100.

R. C. Potter was allowed \$250 out of the road and bridge fund, no mention being made in the minutes for what work.

Those present today were: County Judge Lightfoot and Magistrates Knott, Brooks, Burnett, Emery and Bleich.

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Tuesday Will See Both Explorers From Arctic Circle in America and Some Facts Will be Made Plain

Peary Admits That it is Possible That Cook Could Have Reached Pole Without Trace of Him Having Been Found

New York, Sept. 18.—With the Scandinavian-American liner, Oscar II, with Cook aboard, due to arrive here Tuesday morning, and the Arctic steamer Roosevelt due at Sydney at the same time, the climax will be reached in the United States next week. It is believed Peary will not tarry at Sydney but will board a special car already there to hustle to New York. Now both are in wireless communication. Cook says he has the fullest confidence in Peary's achievement. Peary still is denying Cook. It is believed the hub of the entire controversy centers about Whitney, now on board the Jeanie, possessing the set of Cook's documents.

Message From Peary.

Portland, Me., Sept. 18.—Mayor Leighton today received the following telegram from Peary: "Battle Harbor, via wireless, Cape Ray.—Your wire September 9 received last night from steamer Tyrian. Shall consider myself honored by reception at city of Portland. Unfortunately the date is still indeterminate. Will wire as soon as possible. Expect to leave Saturday and arrive at Sydney Tuesday. Peary."

Peary Recedes.

Battle Harbor, Sept. 18.—Commander Peary today receded somewhat from his stand regarding Dr. Cook's claims to the discovery of the pole. It was not until today when the newspaper correspondents arrived from Sydney that the commander got a connected report of Dr. Cook's story. After listening to the latest reports he was willing to admit that a rival expedition might reach the pole without his knowledge, even though he were in the Arctic at the time. He said in reply to questions on this point: "It would be quite possible for Dr. Cook's party or any expedition to arrive at the north pole by any one of a hundred routes and for one to find no trace of it if our paths lay far apart."

This does not mean, however, that Commander Peary concedes that Dr. Cook reached the goal, merely that it would be feasible for a competitor to do so without his knowledge in case they traveled, by widely separated trails. To show that Peary reaffirms his claim to the title of discoverer, he went on: "I am holding my proofs to submit them to the international polar convention, and thus controvert Dr. Cook's claims."

Prof. Donald McMillan, who was sent back because his feet were severely frost bitten, has entirely recovered.

Mrs. Cook Will Not Talk.

New York, Sept. 18.—"This is a man's battle and can be settled only by men. It is no time for a woman to interfere, and I shall let Mr. Peary and my husband settle it by themselves. I am content to let my husband take all the honors, and I shall not discuss the matter until his arrival."

This was what Mrs. Frederick A. Cook, wife of the explorer, said when she came to New York this afternoon with her two children to await the arrival of her husband. She refused to say more about the controversy.

"That is all," she declared. "I am waiting anxiously for him, and when he comes he will speak. I will not talk of it further."

Mrs. Cook insisted that her whereabouts be kept a positive secret until the arrival of Mr. Cook. She said that when he came she would no longer remain in seclusion.

PRETTY VOICE WINS

MATE FOR EXCHANGE

Princeton, Ky., Sept. 18. (Special.)—Cupid took charge of the long distance wire in Christian county and united Miss Mattie Nave, night operator at Princeton, and Rufus Wayne Stewart, night operator at Gracely. They got acquainted by phone. Stewart was attracted by the sweet voice of "exchange" at Princeton, and couldn't rest until he satisfied himself that other graces of the charming owner of the voice were equally as alluring. His love was reciprocated at sight, and long talks during the late watches of the night culminated in their marriage. They will reside in Texas. Neither is of age.



GOV. JOHNSON CAN'T LIVE THROUGH DAY

Minneapolis, Sept. 18.—It is reported at Rochester that Governor Johnson cannot live throughout the day.

Johnson Welcomes Taft.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 18.—Despite the physician's report he can live only a few hours, Governor Johnson today roused himself during what seemed his last moments and dictated the following message to President Taft: "A hearty and sincere welcome to Minnesota. I sincerely regret that illness prevents me from attending your reception. Signed, John A. Johnson."

President Replies.

Replying to Johnson's telegram, President Taft sent the following: "My Dear Governor Johnson—I am greatly distressed to hear of your serious illness. I miss your smiling and courteous personal greeting, which it always seemed met me when I visited Minnesota. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the welcome sent by you when on a bed of pain. I fervently hope and pray that your wonderful strength and fortitude will make your recovery speedy. My compliments to yourself and Mrs. Johnson."

PAIR ASSOCIATION NAMES THE STARTER

Arrangements have been made by the Paducah Fair association to secure Mr. Tolbert, of Peoria, Ill., as starter for the races during the fall fair and race meet in October. He has been here several times and the management considers itself fortunate to secure him this time. President Ben Weille is in Paducah today attending the colt show and races and advertise the fair while there. E. F. Trimble, of Benton, Ky., has notified the association that he will be here next month to participate in the fair with his famous Duroc Jersey swine and poultry. He will have a good exhibit.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO GAIN FREEDOM FOR HARRY THAW

Pittsburgh, Sept. 18.—The possibility of another attempt to bring Harry Thaw home to this state to prove he is sane was discussed today, following a petition filed yesterday by Attorney James G. Graham, of New York, asking that Thaw's creditors be granted an order giving them the right to have him brought before the court commission, where a test of sanity can be passed upon in the penitentiary. While on its face it is a petition of a creditor, who wants to get his money, and must have the debtor declared sane, it is believed to be really a scheme to get him freedom.

SCHOOL MUDDLE IS NOT CLEARED BY LATEST VOTE

Supt. Middleton Did Not Attend Meeting and Couldn't Decide it.

Friends of Applicant for Lone Oak Place Active.

LIVELY CONTEST KEEPS UP.

Whether the county school superintendent can vote in the election of a school teacher and not attend the meeting of the board is a question that may decide whether Eleanor Browning or Miss Greenville Harrison is elected to teach the fourth grade of the consolidated school at Lone Oak. County Attorney A. W. Barkley says the county school superintendent can only cast a vote in case of a tie, and then he must be present at the meeting.

Following the appointment of W. A. Middleton as county school superintendent, September 1, he resigned as principal of the consolidated school, and the other teachers were promoted, leaving a vacancy in the fourth grade. The board of the fourth school division tied at the first meeting by a vote of three to three between Miss Browning and Miss Harrison as teacher. A few nights later Trustee John Theobald Jr., swung over and voted for Miss Browning, and she was declared elected by Chairman W. R. Davis by a vote of 4 to 1.

Miss Browning assumed charge of the grade, but the friends of Miss Harrison's supporters raised the point that a majority of the board elect was necessary for an election and not a majority of the trustees present. In order that the board might be fair Trustee Davis called a third meeting of the board. When the roll was called a tie resulted, four trustees voting for Miss Harrison and four trustees casting their ballots for Miss Browning. For several hours the trustees wrestled, but in vain. Superintendent Middleton had not qualified at the time of meeting, and was not present. When he did qualify this week one of his first official acts was to vote for Miss Harrison, declaring her elected by a vote of 5 to 4.

Friends of Miss Browning investigated the law, and determined Superintendent Middleton, under the circumstances, had no right to vote in the tie, and submitted the case to County Attorney Barkley who agreed that the deciding ballot was not legal. Further Miss Browning's friends claim her election was legal several weeks, and any attempt of Miss Harrison to assume charge of the grade will be opposed vigorously.

Mrs. Gibbs.

Mr. W. C. Dowd, of 938 Jefferson street, received a telegram yesterday afternoon announcing the death of his aunt, Mrs. Gibbs. No particulars were given. Mr. and Mrs. Dowd, accompanied by Miss Antonie Dowd, left last night to attend the funeral, which was held this afternoon.

EVIDENCE FOUND IN BALLARD BANK CASE BY PLUMBER

While digging around the water pipes in the rear of Sherman's saloon, 109 North Fourth street, this morning, J. N. Reed, a plumber for Ed Hannan, and Enoch Perkins, colored laborer, dug up a bunch of keys with a silver tag inscribed "W. H. Purdy, Ballard county bank, Bandana." The rusty key ring contained 7 Yale lock keys and three long flat keys which were rusty. The plumbers found the keys buried about 18 inches in the ground beneath the floor near the wash basin. Will Husbands, whose bond was forfeited Thursday, August 12, at the Bandana bank robbery trial, was bartender at the Sherman saloon at the time of the robbery, and a short time afterwards, John Bulger is doing time for the robbery; and Ernest Elmen-dorf was acquitted.

Cleanings this week.....	\$682,219
Cleanings last week.....	502,298
Increase.....	\$179,921